

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | No. CR19-185RSL |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED |
| v. |) | MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY |
| |) | PLEA HEARING VIA |
| FLOYD MARTIN, |) | VIDEOCONFERENCE |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Martin would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Martin wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr.

1 Martin believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution
2 of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

3 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
4 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
5 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea
7 hearing via videoconference on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

8 DONE this 17th day of November, 2020.

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11 ROBERT S. LASNIK
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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14 Presented by:

15 /s/ Gregory Geist

16 Assistant Federal Public Defender
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